

REMARKS

The present application contains claims 1-44.

Responsive to the election/restriction requirement set forth in the Official Action, applicant elects the invention of Group III, i.e. Embodiment 3, Figures 23-35.

The claims readable on elected Group III are:

1-4, 6, 7, 9-12, 17, 20, 25, 26, 30, 33, 34, 41, 42 and 44.

Examination of these claims on the merits and early allowance of these claims are earnestly solicited.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

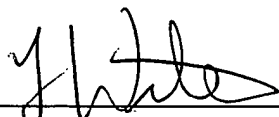
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1-44, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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Favorable action is awaited.

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